

1914 West Oak Street
Denton, TX. 76201
February 13, 2016

2016 FEB 18 PM 1:46

SANTA FE NM

Amy Lueders
Bureau of Land Management
New Mexico State Office
P.O. Box 27115
Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115

Re: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale

Dear Amy Lueders,

I am filing this Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) planned April 20, 2016 oil and gas lease sale and Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-NM-040-2015-61-EA, pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 3120.1-3.

I formally protest the inclusion of the following parcel, NM- 201603-43, covering a total of 258.9 acres. The proposed parcel is on/adjacent to Lewisville Lake.

I am filing this protest on behalf of myself and my family. My name is Bonnie Friedman and I live at 1914 West Oak Street, Denton, Texas, 76201. My email address is Bonita87@aol.com.

I am an affected party by the auction of the 10-year mineral lease on the property is due to the following concerns:

1. I live in Denton and my water comes from the Lake. In addition, I visit the Lake on weekends. I am concerned about the potential for our town's drinking water to become polluted due to fracking for oil underneath the surface of Lake Lewisville. I am worried about the contamination of our drinking water through possible drilling runoff from the site. The possible migration of contaminants through our aquifers could also impair our public water wells.

I certainly don't want the drinking water and bathing water that my family and I use to be polluted with carcinogens and other toxins. Leasing the public land under Lake Lewisville for fracking runs too great a risk to the health of the community. Please safeguard my and my family's drinking water. As I said, my family and I live in Denton, Texas, and derive our drinking water from Lewisville Lake.

2. I am also concerned by the potential for increased seismicity from added drilling in and around Lake Lewisville. The Lewisville dam is currently under repair after a 161-foot long, 23-foot wide slide on an earthen embankment this past spring.

Additional drilling or the migration of drilling fluids along existing fault areas below the lake could negatively impact the integrity of the dam's infrastructure.

3. I am concerned by the impact that fracking would have on the air quality that I, my family, and my neighbors breathe.

The Environmental Assessment for this proposed lease sale is substantially and procedurally flawed. There was no analysis of how drilling, fracking, or wastewater injection could impact the Woodbine, Trinity or Paluxy aquifers in relation to this parcel. The EA does not address the soils or the geology regarding this Lake Lewisville parcel along with other important issues. Therefore, BLM's offer of this parcel is unlawful as it fails to sufficiently address the above issues as required by the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

Please pull this parcel from the April 20 auction. Do not put my family's health, and well-being at risk by allowing our drinking water and the air we breathe to become polluted.

Sincerely,



Bonnie Friedman
1914 W. Oak Street
Denton, TX. 76201
Bonita87@aol.com

Cc: Congressman Michael Burgess